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I am in favor of this settlement. Microsoft has already changed many of its business practices that were shown to be in violation of the antitrust laws. These antitrust laws were meant from the beginning to protect consumers, not simply allow competitors who refuse to innovate and meet customer needs stay in business. Microsoft has taken incredible risks by investing in technology R&D when many other businesses would rather just keep the status quo.

It's time to move on. Accept this settlement. Protect innovation while monitoring Microsoft for compliance. Do not stifle Microsoft's success. THAT would hurt consumers, not Microsoft coming out with major new versions of their software that integrate key features every couple of years. Could you imagine buying a computer from a manufacturer that was not allowed to integrate a CD-RW drive, or a DVD, or for that matter a laptop without a monitor? This is analogous to what Microsoft has done, integrate key user needs into a single product. Please do not force me as a consumer to shop for each of my operating system needs individually. That would hurt me in terms of time and money.

Sincerely,
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